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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Tyrone Leon Thompson of St. Louis, Missouri, who passed away on June 5, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Tyrone Leon Thompson was born July 14, 1962 in St. Louis to the union of Jack and Betty Thompson; he confessed a hope in Christ at the Wayman A.M.E. Temple under the leadership of the Reverend Samuel Pointer; he and his family later joined Northern Missionary Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, He was educated in the University City School District and was a proud graduate of University City High School Class of 1982; Tyrone began his college education at Lincoln University and later transferred to Webster University; Tyrone entered the police academy and served as a police officer for the City of University City, where he advanced to the role of detective before being appointed Chief of Police for the City of Pagedale, where he served with enthusiasm; and

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WHEREAS, After several years in law enforcement, Tyrone began his tenure with Kwame Building Group; he worked in many capacities as a vital part of Kwame Building Group and helped to ensure the effective operation of the company; at the time

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1 of his passing, he worked at Kwame Building Group, attended  
2 school, raised three children, and worked as a fraud  
3 investigator for the Missouri Attorney General's Office; and

4 WHEREAS, He spent many years as a mentor to high school  
5 students and enjoyed his weekly mentoring trips to Carnahan  
6 High School; he was the President of the Dr. Martin Luther  
7 King, Jr. St. Louis, Missouri Support Group, which focused on  
8 the teaching of non-violence; Tyrone organized many trips to  
9 Atlanta, Georgia for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday  
10 celebration; and

11 WHEREAS, His love of music was evident, whether he was  
12 playing his two favorite songs on the bass, "Fantastic Voyage"  
13 and "Boogie Oogie Oogie"; performing karaoke with his sister,  
14 Sonja; or building his music library on his computer; he looked  
15 forward to time spent with his UCHS Class of 1982 classmates  
16 and his Black Cinema Sunday family; and

17 WHEREAS, Tyrone Thompson will be remembered by his  
18 children, Tyrell, Kayla, and Tyler Thompson and their mother,  
19 Victoria; his parents, Jack and former Missouri State  
20 Representative Betty Thompson; his two grandparents, Mozella  
21 Cavitt and Mandy Louatrice White; his two brothers, Anthony  
22 (Kim) and Kwame; his sister, Sonja Branscomb; his three nieces,  
23 Kristin Thompson and Imani and Ayanna Branscomb; his nephew,

1 Michael Thompson; and a host of aunts, uncles, family, and  
2 friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
5 his family and friends, the passing of Tyrone Thompson; and be  
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Tyrone Leon Thompson as a symbol of  
9 our sincere sympathy.